

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The groove 5 is not necessarily ~~annular~~ circular. It may have internal and external perimeters that are square, circular or of more complex shape, the essential thing being that the groove form a closed loop so that the sealing material 4 surrounds the cavity completely in order to achieve tightness.